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The Director

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Fowler Request

1. The fault for the Fowler fumble is mine. His letter came to me shortly before Guam and got inexcusably side-tracked.

2. Attached are copies of his letter, a companion piece to Fowler from Katzenbach, and a suggested draft reply.

3. This is a very sticky business I think we should stay as far away from as possible. Ever since the Economic Warfare Committee was formed in 1965, I have stubbornly resisted AID efforts to task us with policing the aid program or running down alleged illicit transactions. The Treasury pitch embodied in Fowler's letter is a variation on essentially the same theme. Our field stations do not have the time or the expertise to accept this kind of gumshoe requirement.

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**Attachments**

DCI settled the matter with Sec. Fowler over the phone -- letter was not sent.

- 1 - Economic Warfare (General)
- 1 - GAC Chrono ✓
- 1 - VAS Chrono